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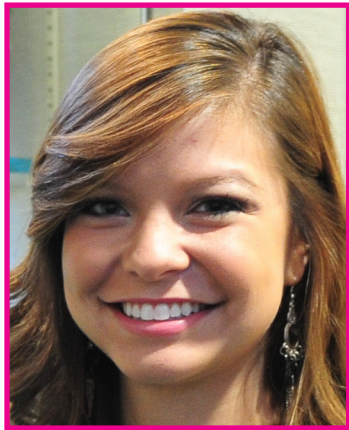
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MR. AND MISS MARSHALL HOPEFULS



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CELORIO



FITZGERALD



HENDERSON



HUBB



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MORRIS



SARTIN



SHEPPARD

By SARAH HAGERTY
THE PARTHENON

It is that time of year again for the Miss Marshall candidates to campaign for their chance to win the title of Miss Marshall 2012. With all the creative signs and flyers around campus, these nine young women are trying to prove they have a lot to offer and want to accomplish great things for the Marshall community.

The 2012 Miss Marshall candidates are:

Casey Adams is a senior at Marshall and is a member of the Delta Zeta sorority, Relay for Life committee and Marshall Maniacs, among other things. She was born and raised in Barboursville, W.Va., and grew up around the university.

"I can remember as a little girl being all dressed up in my Marshall cheerleading outfit and going to the all the football games," Adams said. "Marshall University has had such an impact on my life and now I want to give back to the school by making a difference on campus."

Casey Adams wants to help non-Greek members or any student that has not joined an organization to realize how much joining groups on campus can make a difference in their lives.

"I want students to feel like they are making a difference in their school, help them meet new people and just feel welcome by being a part of something."

Andrea Celorio is a senior studying international business and finance. She is from Guadalajara, Jalisco in Mexico and was surrounded by family and friends as a child. If picked to be Miss Marshall she said she plans to expand certain aspects of the college of business, as well as other colleges at Marshall University. She is currently involved in the International Student Organization and has been a member of Student Ambassadors and the Student Government Association.

"I am running for Miss Marshall because I want to be a role model for younger people," Celorio said. "I believe I have accomplished many things in life that I can share and encourage other to do as well."

Celorio's platform is to create international awareness on campus.

"Marshall University offers numerous opportunities for students to take advantage of, however, students aren't aware these international organizations exist," she said. "I plan to expand that knowledge among campus."

Melody Fitzgerald grew up in Hurricane, W.Va., and said she has always been an outgoing person. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the Marshall University Public Relations Student Society of America.

"I'm running for Miss Marshall so I can finally see the changes that I want to see around campus," Fitzgerald said. "There

is a lot to be accomplished and I believe that I can get it done."

Fitzgerald's platform is based on helping commuter students have a better experience on campus.

"There aren't a lot of programs on campus that specifically cater to the commuter students," she said. "I would love to work with Student Activities Programming Board to create a program that allows commuter students to build their resume as well as to make lifelong friends on campus."

Danielle Henderson moved around a lot as a child but said she considers Kentucky her home. As a military child she feels that Marshall is her "home away from home."

"This university has provided me so much by helping me grow not just mentally but emotionally and spiritually as well," Henderson said. "By becoming Miss Marshall, it will give me the chance to give back to the university that has given me everything."

Henderson is a third year resident advisor and is also involved with the campus activity board along with the World Wide Day of Play organization. Her plan, if crowned Miss Marshall, is to work with the community and Marshall University to end childhood obesity.

"It's time for us to extend a hand to the community and look at it as a part of our home instead of just a place we sometimes live."

Tiffany Hubb is from Maryland but was born in Washington, D.C. She moved to Texas around the age of five and loved to read Dr. Seuss books as a child. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and also serves on the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

"As a member on the Homecoming Court, I will be able to embrace the gifts that I have received, while also utilizing leadership skills developed at Marshall for the benefit of others and the community," Hubb said. "I am always ecstatic to represent the academy and my peers and love to take on a challenge."

"Marshall Goes Pink" is Tiffany's platform this year which is all about breast cancer awareness.

"My platform will focus on women's health, specifically breast cancer, through educational and awareness building exercises," she said. "I certainly have the dedication, enthusiasm and work ethic to excel and wish to utilize these attributes on behalf of the university."

Victoria Perri is from Washington, Penn., and was active in sports, school and church while growing up. She is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, a Pan-Hellenic Council member and is involved with the Student Government Association.

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By TYRELL CARLTON
THE PARTHENON

This year, there are three male candidates for the 2012 homecoming court.

The candidates have made it to the homecoming court, but winner of the title of Mr. Marshall will not be announced until the homecoming game on Oct. 6.

Students have most likely seen the candidates campaigning on campus, but may not get a chance to know the candidates fully.

Zachary Morris, is a Public Relations major and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. "I'm running for Mr. Marshall because it would be a great honor to represent the university and to be able to have the title. I want to increase awareness for students with disabilities," Morris said.

Morris said with the position he can raise awareness for people with disabilities.

"It's my platform. I met with people with disabilities my entire life and there is this perception that students with disabilities can or cannot do, and my goal is to break down those stereotypes," Morris said.

Morris said that because April is autism awareness month, he plans on having a day on the plaza.

On that day, Morris said many groups both on campus and in the Huntington community will come to educate on disabilities.

Morris said that his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, has been the greatest thing he has done since coming to Marshall.

"It's allowed me to break out my shell and meet new people. I've created a bond with 35 others guys that I wouldn't have made if I did not join the fraternity," Morris said.

"I became the founding father of my chapter and through that I've met people from different aspect of college spectrum, different majors and minors, organizations and beliefs."

Rusty Sartin, a nursing major, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, hails from Mingo County, W.Va.

Sartin said he has wanted to run for Mr. Marshall since he was a freshman. Sartin said he loves meeting new people, doing things on campus so he can meet new people and build a larger network.

"It's a great opportunity to meet new people and come into contact with all the other candidates on the ballot," Sartin said. "I like meeting ones that'll make it through court in order to make a connection with them on campus. I feel that I'm very involved on campus and I would be a good representation for Marshall."

Sartin said he is happy at Marshall and would not want to make many changes.

"One thing that I would like to change is when you're walking to class and you pass

someone, everyone should smile, I think it would make it a happier place," Sartin said.

He said he is the type of person who always tries to see the positive in things.

"I think that I'd like everyone at Marshall to focus on the positive things we have rather than the negative things."

Sartin said his sponsor, Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, has helped him a lot in getting involved in the community.

"It also helps me with being involved in philanthropies and community service. I hold the recruitment position in my fraternity so that also helps me meet many new people and helps me establish connections with people."

Sartin holds the recruitment and social chair positions in the fraternity and said he has benefitted from their help in the campaign.

"When the campaign started on Monday, I had 15 brothers helping me chalk sidewalks and making flyers, hang up posters and hang up cups, getting people to vote for me," Sartin said. "That really helps out a lot."

Stephen Sheppard, an Exercise Physiology graduate student and Mingo County native, is also an alumnus of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

"Marshall has given me a lot in the past, it turned me from someone who is completely anti-social and introverted to someone is socially excellent."

Sheppard said Marshall has given me more opportunities to excel than any other place.

"I think I represent it well," Sheppard said.

Sheppard said he really enjoys Marshall. "It is a small university, being a division one, but at the same time there are enough people here that you get a very diverse crowd, a homey feel."

Shepard said that he would change the campus as a whole by getting the students more involved.

"It helps with my job, because if my name is out there, people are figuring what I am doing and will want to become more proactive," Sheppard said. "Also, I am trying to get the American Cancer Society extra sponsorship as well. A portion of the winnings is going straight to the ACS."

Sheppard is sponsored by Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

"Sigma Tau Gamma actually gave me the skills that I need to be social excellence, per se, if I never came to Marshall I would've never met the guys from Sig Tau," Sheppard said. "It showed me that others can have those same set of values and be able to come together in a common bond, it gives you a close circle of friends that you can rely on. You always know that someone is going to help you out."

Voting for Mr. Marshall ends Friday.

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PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Professor Emeritus Jean Edward Smith delivered a civic responsibility speech Thursday at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre as part of Marshall University's Constitution Week.

Author delivers civic responsibility lecture

By KATIE WISE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University concluded Constitution Week on Thursday afternoon with the third annual Robert C. Byrd Civic Responsibility Forum in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre.

The forum, which was established to honor U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd after his death in 2010, is broad based as far

as topics are concerned, but must in some way entail the needs, goals and aspirations of the American people.

This year's speaker, Professor Emeritus Jean Edward Smith, delivered a civic responsibility lecture titled "History Misconstrued: Marshall, Grant and Eisenhower."

Professor Alan Gould, executive director of the John

Deaver Drinko Academy said he could not think of anyone better qualified than Smith to speak during Constitution Week.

"Professor Smith has superb qualifications for being a speaker during Constitution week," Gould said. "After all, he did right, what I consider and most consider,

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Research finds bath salts could lead to Alzheimer's cure

By LAKIN TURNER
THE PARTHENON

The latest addition to the list of synthetic drugs is causing widespread concern among drug addiction experts, but some research indicates the substance might potentially be used in the battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Last summer, mephedrone, known as "bath salts," made headlines and was on the fast track to being completely outlawed.

One of the first studies conducted on the drug demonstrated its effects on the brain of a rat were similar to those of the drug Ecstasy.

Brand names such as Cloud Nine, Ivory Wave and Blue Silk contain bath salt stimulants.

The chemicals have not been scientifically tested in humans and are not approved

for medical use in the United States.

Kim Miller, master addiction counselor and director of corporate development at Presteria Center in Barboursville, said the effects are extremely dangerous.

"There have been many cases locally of permanent brain damage observed in people that have used bath salts, including persistent and intractable, or untreatable, psychosis," Miller said. "These drugs are so new that we really don't know the short term or long term psychoactive effects."

The bath salts, with amphetamine-like qualities, have not been banned by the Drug Enforcement Administration yet.

However, a 2005 study in the Journal of Neuroscience indicated that some of the chemical compounds in bath salts actually could aid in the development of therapeutic drugs.

In research on animals, one of the substances, JWH-133, has been shown to decrease the inflammation caused by a certain protein. This protein has been linked to the build up of plaque in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

The active ingredients in bath salts have not been tested on humans.

If the drug was banned, further research on the possibility of developing new legitimate uses would be impossible, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

The media has covered the multiple psychotic episodes of the zombie like nature of the drug's effects.

Other reports show that anxiety, kidney failure and severe paranoia are also effects of bath salts.

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Initial jobless claims fell last week to 359,000

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WASHINGTON - Initial claims for unemployment insurance fell sharply last week and are approaching the level consistent with strong job growth.

There were 359,000 people who filed for jobless benefits for the first time in the week that ended Saturday, down 26,000 from the previous week's adjusted level, the Labor Department said Thursday.

It was the lowest number of new claims since the week that ended July 21, when 357,000 people filed.

The drop last week was much more than expected. The median estimate in a Bloomberg survey of economists was for 375,000 new claims.

Initial filings of about 350,000 or less in a week indicate the economy is poised for stronger hiring that could bring down the unemployment rate. But the weekly figures can vary widely, and several more weeks at that level would be needed to indicate a trend.

The less volatile four-week average was 374,000, down 4,500 from the previous week.

The national unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in August as the economy has struggled to create new jobs. It was the 43rd straight month the rate was above 8 percent, the longest such stretch since the Labor Department began tracking the figure in 1948.

Concerned about the sluggish pace of job growth, the Federal Reserve said this month it would launch a new round of stimulus designed to help bring the unemployment rate down.

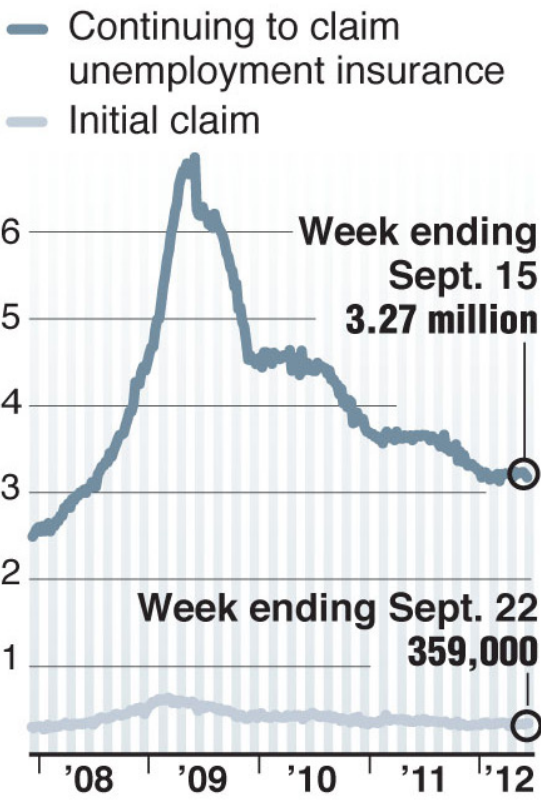
Although jobless claims were down last week, the large tax hikes and big government spending cuts looming at the end of the year could make businesses hesitant to hire new workers.

A quarterly survey of large company chief executives released Thursday by the Business Roundtable showed more pessimism about the direction of the economy. Only 29 percent of the chief executives said they would add workers in the next six months, down from 36 percent the previous quarter.

About a third of the chief executives - 34 percent - said they expected to cut jobs in the next six months.

Out of work

New claims for jobless benefits stayed near a two-month high last week, suggesting that the recovery remains slow.



NOTE: Report on continuing claims lags initial claims by one week

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MU to welcome Living Learning Communities

By ELIZABETH STEWART
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is participating in a nationwide effort known as Living Learning Communities.

"Living learning communities is a great opportunity for students who share the same major or interests to live with like minded people," said Amy Lorenz, assistant director for academic initiatives and programming.

Lorenz said these communities provide students who live in the dorm the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in their major or some other aspect of college life by living on the same floor and participating in activities to enhance their educational experience.

The communities can be based around different colleges on campus or they can be centered around a theme. Marshall's campus currently has five college-based communities and two theme-based.

"The colleges of Business, Education, Science, Health Professionals and Honors all have living learning communities in the dorms," Lorenz said.

One of the themed communities on campus focuses on those students who choose to participate in the Greek fraternities and sororities while living on campus.

"This is a really great opportunity for members of different Greek chapters to bond and work together," Lorenz said.

The other themed community focuses on sustainability and green initiatives.

"The themed communities are there for students who have maybe not decided upon a major yet or who are looking to pursue a separate passion while here at Marshall," Lorenz said.

Each different community has residential advisers who plan and execute activities throughout the semester that benefit the student's education.

"The College of Science community recently had a rocket propulsion launching demonstration and the College of Business will host a networking event later on in the semester," Lorenz said.

Although these events are planned for those living in the communities any student in that major is invited to attend.

Lorenz said Another perk of participating in the living learning communities, is that most majors have a locked study lounge that contains equipment and resources specific to their major that only those living in the community can access.

Any student interested in participating in or giving suggestions for new living learning communities can visit www.marshall.edu/housing/llcs.asp or email Amy Lorenz at lorenza@marshall.edu.

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MARSHALL	1	0	2	2
UCF	0	0	2	1
UAB	0	0	0	3
MEMPHIS	0	0	0	4
SOUTHERN MISS	0	1	0	3

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	C-USA		Overall	
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TULSA	1	0	3	1
SMU	0	0	1	2
UTEP	0	0	1	3
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TULANE	0	1	0	3



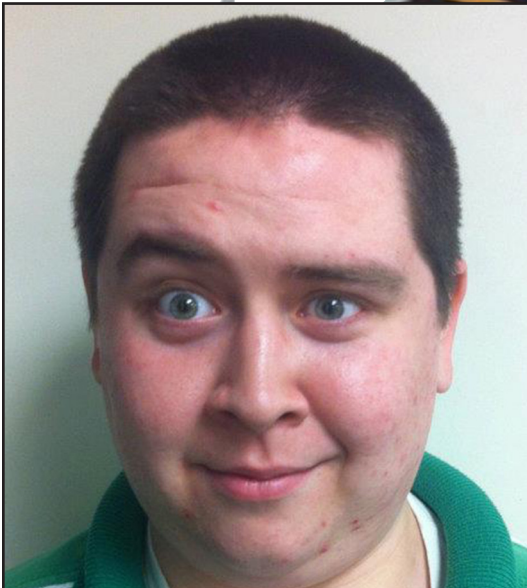
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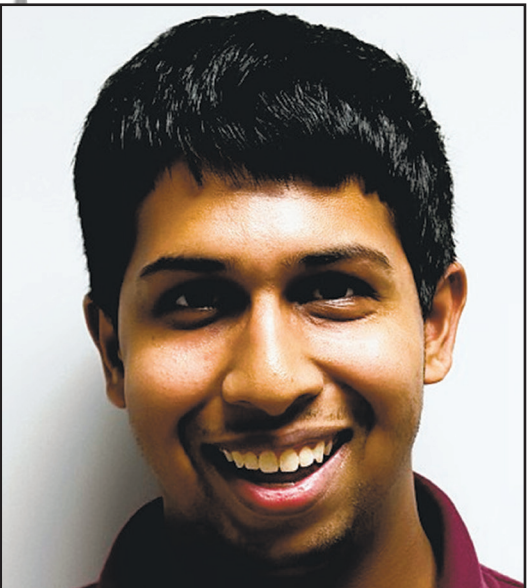
Keys to victory

Marshall

Purdue



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Four weeks into the 2012 season, Marshall football finds itself sitting at .500 after wins over Western Carolina and Rice and losses to West Virginia and Ohio.

The Herd's offense is centered around sophomore quarterback Rakeem Cato and a plethora of wide receivers, with running backs who show flashes of excellence.

The biggest thing to take from Marshall's win over Rice, other than winning for the first time in the Lone Star State, is the establishment of a rushing attack.

The Thundering Herd rushed for just 461 yards before taking on the Owls and was able to pound the rock for 334 yards.

Marshall might find it difficult to run the ball against Purdue because the Boilermakers only allow a hair over 110 yards a game on the ground.

When Doc Holliday elected to move sophomore Travon Van to cornerback, a position riddled with injuries, the cluster of running backs the Thundering Herd had was cut down.

Van looked out of place on the defense in the win over Rice, but what can you expect from a kid who played running back last season and three games this year.

With time, Van should get the hang of corner, which is something Holliday knows.

Everyone and their grandmother knows the Herd can throw the ball, but its passing game will really be put to the test when the Boilermakers send preseason All-American defensive tackle Kawann Short across the line of scrimmage.

Short only has six tackles on the season, but he has four tackles for loss and three sacks. Plus throw in the fact that he has blocked two kicks in just three games.

Purdue had a bye week last week, just four weeks into the season, which could play into the advantage of Marshall.

Defensively, the Herd needs to be aware of the run from Purdue because the Boilermakers are a run-first team.

Caleb TerBush will get the nod as the Boilermakers' starting quarterback for the game.

TerBush was slated to be the starter at the beginning of the season, but was suspended for the season opener against Eastern Kentucky, which vaulted Robert Marve into the starting role.

Marve hurt his knee during Purdue's 20-17 loss to Notre Dame in week two and ended up tearing his ACL for the third time.

Marshall is searching for its first win from a team in the Big Ten Conference after two unsuccessful tries against Ohio State and Penn State and once against Michigan State and Wisconsin.

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So far through three weeks, the Purdue football team has yet to be tested by a truly explosive offense. That will change Saturday with a high-tempo Marshall offense coming to West Lafayette. The Thundering Herd tend to snap the ball quickly and run close to 90 plays a game. This is the first time the Boilermakers will face an offense of this variety since Head Coach Danny Hope's first year when Purdue played Oregon.

The test will give Purdue fans an idea of where the defense is. Some have called this the best defense the Boilers have had since the 2003 team.

Furthermore, it will showcase the Boilermaker depth on the defensive line.

For Marshall to beat Purdue, it will need to contain preseason All-American defensive tackle Kawann Short and fellow tackle Bruce Gaston.

At the defensive end spot, Ryan Russell has also developed into a playmaker as a sophomore.

Offensively, Purdue has been out of sorts since the ACL injury of Robert Marve. Previously, the Boilers used a combination of Marve and Caleb TerBush. Since the injury, TerBush has gotten virtually all of the snaps. He struggled Saturday against Eastern Michigan although the coaching staff said that the senior played through migraines and illness.

Against Marshall, TerBush has a chance to get back on track before the start of Big Ten play. For Purdue to be successful offensively, look for them to control time of possession with slow, grinding drives.

If the game ends up close, Purdue's kicking situation is something to watch. Sam McCartney has missed three extra points in three games and was pulled in the favor of Paul Griggs in Purdue's win over Eastern Michigan.

Hope said this week that the kicking competition was open. Purdue has attempted just one field goal so far this season and while Purdue is heavily favored, if the game comes down to a kick, the advantage goes to the visitors.

Overall, Purdue is the more talented team with five guys on the defense who will probably play in the NFL. But as Hope said on Tuesday, the Marshall roster is full of guys that Purdue recruited. In addition, each of the last three years, the Boilermakers have lost to a team non-BCS conference school. With Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio State looming on the schedule, the Boilermakers can't overlook the Thundering Herd.

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Herd volleyball set for pair of weekend games

By KARA KUCIN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University volleyball team will take on the University of Central Florida Knights and the University of Southern Miss Golden Eagles this weekend.

The Herd will face the Knights on Friday in the Cam Henderson Center at 7 p.m. The Herd will be right back in action when they take on the Golden Eagles Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Freshman middle blocker Jillian Shemanski said they need to be extra prepared for this weekends' games.

"We need to stay focused and prepare for all of our games by working together hard as a team and staying determined in practice, which will then carry over into our games," Shemanski said.

need to play extremely hard and need to continue pushing to see success.

One member of the Herd, Dorothy Rahal, is especially excited for the match-up against Southern Miss on Sunday.

"Southern Miss didn't really take us seriously last year when we played them and we are more than excited to play them at home this year with our fans and show them what the Herd is all about," Rahal said.

The Herd's overall record is 12-5, with their conference record at 2-1.

"We have been playing well on the defensive side of the ball," Jacobs said. "We have some veteran players that have really decided to commit to this team and the younger players that are on the floor have been complimenting them wonderfully."

The UCF Knights are 4-10 with wins against Columbia, Sacred Heart and Tulane.

The Southern Miss Gold Eagles are 5-9 with wins against Louisiana Tech, Robert Morris and Texas-Arlington.

Marshall head coach Mitch Jacobs expects two very hard fought matches this weekend.

"UCF and Southern Miss are two completely different opponents," Jacobs said. "UCF has a lot of experience with an incredible amount of talent looking to make a run in the conference season. Southern Miss is a very young but extremely athletic team this season."

Jacobs said the Herd will

There have been some new faces in the crowd recently and the team is hoping for a big turnout of fans during this weekends' games.

"For the last couple of games we have had a lot of young elementary girls come and cheer us on. All that extra noise definitely gets inside the other teams head and encourages us to stay focused," Shemanski said.

After this weekend, the Herd will play Eastern Carolina University at the Cam Henderson Center on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON
Marshall University's Katy Schad spikes the ball against Morehead State on Sept. 25.

NFL and referees reach deal to end lockout

By TOM ROCK
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NEWSDAY (MCT)

Nearly 48 hours after one of the most controversial officiating calls in NFL history set off a firestorm of criticism throughout the country, the league reached an eight-year contract agreement that will bring back the regular officials in time for this week's games.

"Our officials will be back on the field starting (Thursday night)," commissioner Roger Goodell said in a joint statement released by the NFL and NFLRA. "We appreciate the commitment of the NFLRA in working through the issues to reach this important agreement."

A deal was reached just before midnight on Wednesday

night between the league and the NFL Referees Association, which had been locked out since early June.

Replacement officials worked the first three weeks of the season. But after the final play of Monday night's Packers-Seahawks game, in which officials awarded the Seahawks a touchdown despite replays that showed Packers safety M.D. Jennings appeared to intercept Russell Wilson's pass, talks heated up and resulted in a deal.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello later wrote on his Twitter account, "Pleased to report that an agreement has been reached with the NFL Referees Association. Details to follow."

Only paperwork is left to complete final details. The

officials are expected to vote on the proposed deal on Saturday, according to the NFL Referees Association's lead negotiator, Mike Arnold.

Although details of the deal haven't been made public, sources said compromises were made in addressing the officials' pension plan and pay increases. In addition, NFL Network reported that the league will begin a developmental program for additional referees rather than hire three additional crews of seven officials each.

Talks resumed mere hours after replacements bungled the final call in Monday night's game. The decision set off a public outrage the likes of which had not been felt since umpire Jim Joyce's erroneous ruling robbed the

Tigers' Armando Galarraga of a perfect game in 2010.

"Having done this before, everyone needs to wait until the ink is dry," said NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith, who wrote on Twitter on Wednesday afternoon when a deal seemed imminent. Smith negotiated an end to the players' lockout last summer.

Jets guard Brandon Moore was asked Wednesday afternoon about what he thought would happen when the regular officials returned.

"It won't change anything in what we do," Moore said. "Maybe I'll have a little more confidence that the guys calling the penalties and having to make crucial decisions know more about what they're doing."

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| ■ Twitter | 26% - 11 votes |
| ■ Tumblr | 5% - 2 votes |
| ■ MySpace | 9% - 4 votes |

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Editorial

Netanyahu, Ahmadinejad – please stop talking

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, with a very seriously look on his face, took out a cheap, clipart-like drawing and told the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday to draw “a clear red line” to prevent Iran from continuing their supposed nuclear weapons aspirations.

Seriously? First off, your drawing was hilariously childish. Secondly, stop with the hate mongering.

If we should worry about any country's nuclear weapons capability, we should look at Israel's. Their policy of “nuclear ambiguity” is rather vague, yet it is widely believed by world powers they are one of the nine countries to currently possess nuclear weapons (the others being U.S., Russia, United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan and North Korea). Most in the U.S. seem to not be worried about Israel's nuclear capability since we are officially allies, but what seems to be forgotten is Netanyahu fills the airwaves with just as many threats as Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad or anyone else spewing hate into the world. One stupid move by Israel

could easily put us into yet another unnecessary war.

So perhaps President Obama should draw a red line for Netanyahu and tell him to shut his mouth and stop sharing elementary school drawings with the U.N.

On the flip side of things, it would be nice if Ahmadinejad would shut up as well.

His constant threats to the U.S., hatred of homosexuals and general craziness are no better than Netanyahu's stupidity.

Our country is so fixated on following Israel and hating Iran based on religious reasons that we are blinded to the fact they are both led by crazy people.

The world would be a much better place if the world would come together, sew their mouths' shut and throw them in a dark dungeon.

Or perhaps we could just throw them in a cage and have them duke it out MMA style – that would be much more entertaining than watching them share verbal, hate-filled jabs on international television.

Column

Americans, bacon is here to stay

By KRISTA BROOKS

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I'm sure you're all devastated about the news of the worldwide pork shortage.

Yes, this includes our favorite meat, bacon.

Last Thursday, Britain's National Pig Association warned that the escalating numbers of shrinking herds are going cause an “unavoidable bacon shortage.”

This ‘porkapocalypse’ is due to the increase in cost of feeding these delicious animals, according to the pig industry.

If you're still reading, let out that breath you've been holding — bacon will not be extinct as predicted.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts that the pork production of next year will be around 23 billion pounds, only a 1.3 percent decline in America.

Worldwide, it's predicted that the availability will only be a 2 to 3 percent decrease per-capita.

Bacon has become a fad, or obsession, for American food lovers.

In 2010, the pork consumption reached an all-time high of 33.4 pounds per person a year, according to the Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Europe may experience a lack of bacon within the next few years, but only a 10 percent decrease at most.

Do not freak out. There will still be bacon.

The bacon crisis has spun into an exaggerated epidemic. We can all blame the media, but let's get serious. If there was a terrible shortage of bacon in our future, we would all want to know about it immediately.

Thankfully, this issue is not as worse as forecasted by the United Kingdom, but the word “unavoidable” comes across very serious and scary.

The bacon in the United Kingdom is also different from the bacon that Americans eat with scrambled eggs and toast. The bacon in this region is from a different part of the animal, a meat familiar to us as “Canadian bacon.”

YouTube series “Epic Meal Time” will be happy to know that the price of bacon in Canada, however, will not be raised as high as in the U.S.

This predicted scarcity was due to a recent drought and rise of corn price.

This may raise the price of pork-per-pound within the next few years.

Steve Meyer, a consulting economist to the National Pork Board, predicts that prices will be raised at most to \$3.75 per pound. This price is only 25 cents higher than present costs. If you were freaking out about the loss of bacon — I know I was — rest assured that it will only be raised by a measly quarter, a price us bacon-lovers will have to pay.

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Column

How the iPhone has been a boon for the U.S. economy

By Kayvon Ghoreshi

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The release of the iPhone 5 this past weekend marks five years since the launch of Apple's smart phone back in 2007 that arguably kicked off the smart phone revolution. Nowadays, the iPhone faces stiff competition from Android phones, but there is still a quality that is unmatched in the iPhone. More than any device in recent years, the iPhone single-handedly provided a boost to the economy, while creating a smaller economy around itself.

The first and most obvious way the iPhone helps the economy is through its sales. Since its introduction, the different iterations of the iPhone have sold 244 million units. Those sales numbers look to continue upwards with the iPhone 5. According to JP Morgan, it is reported to increase GDP by 0.3%, which is significant considering it is a single device from one company.

However, the iPhone and a lot of other devices receive criticism for hurting the economy by manufacturing jobs overseas. It is a valid point that outsourcing hurts the American economy, but

critics often overlook the other avenues in which the iPhone creates jobs. One of these avenues is the app store. Apple's marketplace of mobile apps and games for the smartphone grew exponentially. The company already gave out \$1 billion in royalties to their app developers, solely from the sales of apps. This excludes advertising or in-app purchases. Without the app store, companies like Rovio Games and success stories like Draw Something wouldn't exist. Although not every app is a booming success, but 90% of the current 700,000 available apps are downloaded every month.

Everyone that owns an iPhone has had some interaction with the app store, but they've also probably had interaction with another facet of the iPhone economy, the accessories. There are a variety of iPhone accessories available. Whether it's just a case or a speaker system, iPhone owners made the iPhone accessories market worth \$2-3 billion last year. Like the app store, this allows third parties to enter into the iPhone economy and design different cases, speakers,

headphones and other smart phone compatible products. And thanks to the iPhone 5, these third parties will be revitalized. Due to changes to the iPhone's design and dock connector, consumers will need new cases and new accessories compatible with the iPhone 5 (unless they choose to purchase Apple's adapter). This facet should continue to grow as analysts predict the iPhone accessories market will grow to about \$5-6 billion in the next three years.

Even the hype of the iPhone helps the economy. It earns Apple and any other company related to the phone's production free publicity and also the occasional boost in their stock prices. On the other side of things, the iPhone provides plenty of traffic for tech blogs across the web. That, in turn, brings in traffic revenue. From experience, one of the sites I write for covers iPhone and Android news. To give you an idea about the effect of the hype, through writing about it for a tech site, I've learned that iPhone articles brought in substantially more traffic, which resulted in more money in my pocket.

At the key of any economy is innovation. Companies like Square would have never been started without the iPhone. And while it isn't the sole source of innovation, the popular crowd funding site Kickstarter wouldn't have reached the popularity it has now. The first major successful project for Kickstarter that brought it to the mainstream was the Pebble. The project was a watch that linked to and allowed you to control your iPhone. It received over \$10,000,000 in funding after originally asking for \$100,000. This sparked a boom of innovative ideas on the platform ranging from new iPhone cases, camera lens adapters, foldable keyboards, and plenty of other ideas.

Only some of these ideas will go on to create businesses. The employees of these businesses, the revenue that is brought, and the innovative opportunities available all owe their existence to the iPhone. More than any modern device, the iPhone has created multiple means of adding a boost to the economy and it is a good thing that Apple decided to do “one more thing.”

Netanyahu says to draw ‘red line’ on Iran’s nuclear program

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UNITED NATIONS - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned the United Nations that Iran’s progress toward a nuclear bomb would be irreversible by next spring or summer, a more specific time frame than he had previously given in public, and demanded that world powers draw a “red line” to trigger military action if Tehran refuses to stop before then.

Holding up a crude drawing of a round bomb with a burning fuse, Netanyahu told the General Assembly that, at its current rate, he believes Iran will have produced enough sufficiently enriched uranium by mid-2013 to allow it to start working on an atomic weapon within “a few months, possibly a few weeks.”

He did not threaten to attack Iran, however, and said he was still working with the

Obama administration to curb Tehran’s nuclear development without going to war.

He emphasized Israel’s close ties to the United States, in what appeared an attempt to ease concern about a rift between the allies over Iran’s potential nuclear threat, even as he increased public pressure on Washington for a stepped-up effort.

In his 30-minute address, Netanyahu drew a bright red line through the drawing of the bomb to make his point that unless the world stopped it, Iran would become an existential threat to Israel and a terrorist threat to the world. He compared a nuclear-armed Iran to a nuclear-armed Al-Qaida.

“The relevant question is not when Iran will get the bomb,” he said. “It is at what stage we can stop Iran from getting the bomb.”

Netanyahu’s warning came as the six world powers that

have tried to negotiate limits on Iran’s nuclear program conferred on the sidelines of UN meeting. Three high-level meetings between those nations and Iranian negotiators this year failed to produce a breakthrough, but U.S. officials said progress was still possible.

“We have some reason to believe the [talks with Iran] will move to a point of seriousness,” said a senior State Department official, declining to provide details.

Asked for their reaction to Netanyahu’s speech, the official said the six countries – the United States, Britain, France, China, Russia and Germany – agreed that “diplomacy is the preferred path.”

Iran says it is enriching uranium for energy generation and other peaceful uses, and that it is not seeking to build a weapon. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,

who addressed the General Assembly on Wednesday, said this week that his country did not rule out a negotiated solution to the standoff.

Netanyahu has pushed the White House for months to declare a “red line” beyond which Iran would risk military attack. He has not previously given as specific a deadline, although he has implied that the decision must be made before Iran has enough fissile material for a bomb.

“I believe that faced with a clear red line, Iran will back down,” he said.

Analysts say his prediction appears to be based on calculations by the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, that Iran will have enough nuclear material for one bomb next year if it continues enriching uranium at the current rate.

Office decorating contest to kick off Homecoming week

BY ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH
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Marshall University homecoming festivities kick off Monday with the Alumni Association office decoration contest.

Each university office can decorate their space to celebrate Homecoming Week.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories of two divisions and a grand prize. The two divisions are small office, up to seven employees and large office, eight or more employees. The three award categories are most creative, best fits homecoming theme and most attractive.

Each office will be rated by judges in three categories based on a ten point scale. The office receiving the highest point total from all judges will be announced as the winner in

each category. This years theme is Happy 175th Marshall, Remember the Past, Thunder into the Future.

“As we lead up to the 175th anniversary of the university, we have so much to be proud of,” Nancy Pelphrey, coordinator of alumni programs for the Marshall Alumni Association, said. “This year’s homecoming is a celebration of Marshall University, past and present.”

Judging of office decorations will take place on Oct. 4, at 11 a.m.

Category winners in each division will receive a flag to display in their offices. The grand prize-winner will be presented a rotating trophy to display for one year.

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Huntington Museum of Art offering free admission during Museum Day Live! event

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Three area museums are set to participate in a national event designed to draw in the public and open their eyes to all museums have to offer.

On Saturday the Huntington Museum of Art will open its doors free of charge along with over 1,400 other participating venues for Museum Day Live!

Museum Day Live! is a national event hosted annually by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums offer free access to visitors with Museum Day Tickets.

“The Huntington Museum of Art is happy to participate every year in Museum Day Live! in partnership with the Smithsonian,” Margaret Mary Layne, executive director at the Huntington Museum of Art, described the opportunity of Museum Day Live! said. “I think that it provides an opportunity and motivation for people who have maybe never visited HMA on their own to take the time to stop by and visit with no admission fee. While we are free to the public on Tuesday day and evening, this gives someone the chance to have an admission free visit on a weekend.”

LeAnn Dickens, public relations specialist at the Clay Center in Charleston, said the Clay Center is also participating in Museum Day Live!

“Museum Day is an excellent opportunity for people to discover all the fun experiences available at the Clay Center,” Dickens said. “Guests can explore hands-on exhibits on health, earth and physical science, and they can check out art from Marshall and WVU art faculty and vote for their favorite school and artist.”

Dickens said there are a variety



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Family activities will be available at the Culture Center in Charleston during Museum Day Live! on Sept. 29.

experiences available at Museum Day Live!

“With an art gallery and lots of hands-on science exhibits, there’s something for everyone at the Clay Center,” Dickens said. “We are thrilled to give people another chance to find out about everything our museum has to offer at no cost by participating in this wonderful celebration.”

Caryn S. Gresham, deputy commissioner at the Culture Center in Charleston, said the Culture Center has many family events for Museum Day Live!

“Our goal is to offer a family activity,” Gresham said. “There will be scavenger

hunts and a Journeys program, which is an advanced scavenger hunt.”

Gresham said there will be artifacts from the USS West Virginia on display.

A list of participating museums and download information for a Museum Day Ticket can be found at Smithsonian.com/museumday.

The Museum Day Ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating museums for one day only.

One ticket is permitted per household, per email address.

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to be the definitive single volume biography on John Marshall.”

Smith is a distinguished John Deaver Drinko Academy Fellow, former John Marshall Professor of Political Science, recipient of an honorary doctorate from Marshall, and author of 12 books, including prize-winning biographies on John Marshall, Ulysses S. Grant, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Smith’s lecture took three prominent, influential political figures from history and differentiated between how textbooks and historians portrayed than with the variance of facts. The theme of his speech focused around the importance of embracing unpopular opinions and thought, especially at the university level.

“The lifeblood of the university involves the circulation of antagonistic ideas, some of those ideas can be distasteful and some can be down right hateful. That is really what the university is all about,” Smith said. “It is the openness of the university, our willingness to accept unpopular thought and our toleration of dissent that lay at the root of a free society.”

Smith tied this theory of antagonistic thinking by highlighting some of the

ways Chief Justice John Marshall was far more advanced than many of his contemporaries at the time.

“Let me talk, however, about three areas that place Marshall far ahead of most of his contemporaries- his attitude towards women, towards Native Americans and towards African Americans,” Smith said. “Marshall believed deeply in female equality, advocated their admission to higher education and on the domestic scene was a model of a modern husband. Chief Justice of the United States did all of the house work in Richmond, supervising cleaning and cooking to ease the burden for his wife in every way possible.”

Marshall Professor Emeritus Simon Perry, who retired in 2010, said the lecture was a way to introduce people to a new point of view and correct misconceptions of the past.

“Smith really gives a view of each person that is different from the standard view of historians,” Perry said. “The development of knowledge is a continual process and generally the later interpretation are superior to the early ones.”

Smith is currently the Senior Scholar in the History Department at Columbia University.

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Victoria’s platform hits home for her because it deals with her grandmother being put in a senior center for dementia.

“When I would visit my grandmother, it broke my heart to see how lonely the other residents were,” she said. “I want to start a community service project that will bring student organizations on campus into the lives of these senior citizens.”

“If chosen to be Miss Marshall, I will represent the university at all functions and will be an ambassador to the school,” Perri said. “I will promote the name of Marshall University proudly and will encourage other

students to do the same. It would be an honor to represent this school that I call home.”

Ivana Rosiek is from Oak Hill, W.Va., and has always been involved in organization throughout her high school and college career. She is a member of the Catholic Newman Center, Marshall Maniacs and Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Attending Marshall University runs in the Rosiek family. Her father was a former athlete here and her sister was crowned Miss Marshall in 2009.

“To me and my family, Marshall is more than a university,” Rosiek said. “It’s the people, the academics and the town that make it our home.”

Her platform is focused on

autism. She wishes to raise more awareness of the cause and to help give money to people in need.

“If crowned Miss Marshall, I will be able to go to various events to show and express my love for Marshall and the community,” she said. “I wish to coordinate an autism event supported by Alpha Xi Delta by spring semester and to also be involved with Toys for Tots to give back to the community.”

Leslie Thomas grew up in a small town in southern West Virginia where playing outside consumed most of her childhood memories.

“I was raised in the sweetest little church,” Thomas said. “My church family, as well as my extended family, were amazing people to

grow up with.”

She believes that “taking every opportunity that life throws at you” is a great motto to live by and she wishes to “help the community under Marshall’s name.”

“I believe in the importance of education and hard work and think it is necessary to empower young women to seek both of these,” Thomas said. “If crowned Miss Marshall, I will work with the Women’s Studies program to empower local girls by showing them they are capable of great things.”

Leslie runs track and cross country for Marshall and is also a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, the Women’s Studies program and MU’s Honor’s College.

Jennifer Tucker is a junior

studying advertising in the journalism school. She plans to carry out a “full circle process for everyone involved with the university.”

“If elected, I would seek to honor Marshall’s past through alumni and build the future through the community and future Sons and

Daughters of Marshall,” Tucker said.

All of the Miss Marshall candidates would appreciate the support of the student body by voting on MyMU.

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Zombie apocalypse hits Marshall's campus

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THE PARTHENON

Herd vs. Zombies has taken over Marshall University's campus this week.

Participants can be seen carrying Nerf guns all over campus.

"We had about 500 (participants) last year but we only had about 300 this year," Mitch Essinger, junior criminal justice major and event moderator, said.

Herd versus Zombies is a game of tag. All players begin as humans, while one person is randomly chosen to be the original zombie. The original zombie tags human players and turns them into zombies. Zombies then have to tag and eat a human every 48 hours or they starve to death and are eliminated from the game.

Zombies win the game when less than 10 percent of human players remain. Humans win by surviving long enough for all of the zombies to starve.

Essinger said there are "at least six or seven" moderators in place throughout the week. They are marked by an orange "human" wristband and green "zombie" wristband with "MOD" written on them.

"I walk around going class to



class and make sure there aren't any player conflicts and if there are then I make sure they're resolved," Essinger said.

Essinger said moderators watch for the use of excessive force, and players may be banned from the game for violating the rule.

There are also designated safe zones on campus where game-play is not allowed. These include academic buildings, libraries, residence halls, dining halls and the Memorial Student Center. The Memorial Fountain and the brick plaza surrounding it are also a safe zone until 5 p.m.

"Last year, when we did play Humans vs. Zombies, a person busted their head on that stone platform thing over there," Essinger said, pointing toward the marble retaining wall around the fountain. "So this place is now a safe zone. Also, if you shoot a person who is not participating in the game with your darts, or tag a person who isn't playing, you're automatically banned if someone witnesses or reports it."

Marshall University Police Department chief Jim Terry said the department was notified about the game in advance. He said last year and so far this year, his department has received no complaints related to the game.

"The year before (last year), we had some

issues because there wasn't any coordination, but we haven't had any issues this year at all," Terry said. "To my knowledge, we have not had one call."

The game rules state that foam dart guns must be brightly colored and may not resemble a real gun. For this reason, Terry said he does not think game play poses a security concern on campus.

"They can't have any black rifles," Terry said. "You know by looking at them, they're play guns, they're Nerf, they're bright-colored, things of that nature."

Essinger said game participants and non-players can report complaints by contacting him or any moderator, or by posting on the Herd vs. Zombies Facebook page.

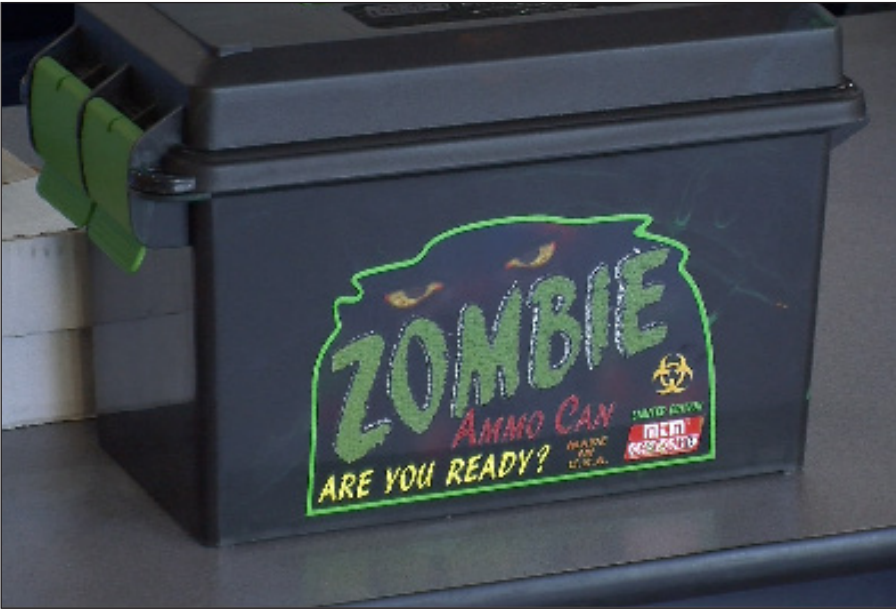
Essinger said the game will probably continue to happen once in the fall but a spring game could be a possibility depending on how many people they have to moderate the game.

Herd vs. Zombies is a week-long event on the Marshall University campus. Students must be on campus once per day in order to participate.

Alpha Phi Omega fraternity is hosting this year's event with help from the Marshall University Nerf Club.

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ALL: Students participate in Herd vs. Zombies on Marshall University's campus.

ROWLING RELEASES FIRST ADULT NOVEL

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It's hardly shocking that the most fully realized characters in "The Casual Vacancy," J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults, are the youngest.

Fats Wall, Krystal Weedon, Gaia Bawden, Andrew Price, Sukhvinder Jawanda: Even the names are vaguely reminiscent of those in her "Harry Potter" series, and when "The Casual Vacancy" focuses on these teenagers and their interactions (with one another, with their parents, with the petty hypocrisies of adult society), it takes on if not an urgency then a momentum of a kind.

The problem is that they are too infrequently at the center of this novel, which revolves around a small English town called Pagford and the political machinations that reverberate beneath its seeming picture-postcard quaintness, a quaintness at which Rowling hints without ever bringing it to life.

The story of a battle for a seat on the Pagford Parish Council, which opens when councilor Barry Fairbrother drops dead of an aneurysm on his 19th wedding anniversary, the book aspires to be a satire of contemporary culture _ complete with references to sex and drugs and the use of my favorite four-letter obscenity _ but settles instead for broad caricature. That this is unsatisfying goes without saying; what's surprising, given Rowling's ability to spin a story, is just how unsatisfying it ultimately becomes.

I come to "The Casual Vacancy" as neither a fan nor a detractor of Rowling's; I read the early "Harry Potter" novels, and found them perfectly pleasant, although I stopped after my son became old enough to finish the series on his own.



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To be sure, I owe her a debt of gratitude for engaging him _ then, as now, a reluctant reader _ in the immersive experience of loving (certain) books; more than once, he and I went to a midnight release party, and five years ago, we heard Rowling read at the Kodak Theatre after the seventh and final Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," was released.

Yet if "The Casual Vacancy" has a lesson to offer, it's that there is not necessarily a correlation between writing for children and writing for adults. This can be an unpopular thing to say in a culture where grown-ups increasingly read young adult fiction, where authors such as Francine Prose, Carl Hiaasen and Sherman Alexie now write for younger readers, where everywhere the lines between maturity and adolescence have blurred.

What made "Harry Potter" popular, among other things, was that it was a classic melodrama, with clear demarcations of good and evil, and a quest (the search for destiny, for

identity) that at some point engages everyone.

In the adult world, however _ or, at least, the adult world Rowling portrays in "The Casual Vacancy" _ becoming is no longer part of the equation; everyone has long since become.

That, in and of itself, is not the novel's trouble: It's been a theme of literature from the start. Still, to explore such issues accurately, with depth and compassion, requires nuance, which is what "The Casual Vacancy" lacks.

One of the particular pathologies of the novel is that nearly every adult male (with the exception of the sainted Barry) is brutal or weak, from Simon, a bully who beats his wife and kids, to Colin, a deputy headmaster who cowers in the sanctuary of his home. These men are despised by their children, but they are portrayed so two-dimensionally that we never feel much is at stake.

The same, it must be said, is factual of "The Casual Vacancy," which doesn't know what it wants to be. On the one hand, the degradations of the Fields and the resistance of the Pagford establishment offer a clear comment on vulture capitalism and the cruelties of the privileged class.

Rowling knows this story from the inside; she was once on public assistance and is a strong advocate for disadvantaged children _ kids not unlike Krystal.

And yet, Rowling too is casually cruel to her characters, giving them problems they can't surmount and then turning their lives from bad to worse, like John Irving in overdrive.

Is this a failure of the imagination? Maybe. Rowling clearly knows how to create a universe that's compelling, consuming even, but Pagford is no such place.

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